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SUBJECT: SHRINERS' RESPONSE TO PAKISTANI ACCUSATIONS

REF: ISLAMABAD 7716

1. DEPT CONTACTED OFFICE OF IMPERIAL RECORDER, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF NOBLES OF MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA, IN CHICAGO TO PASS ON INFO REPORTED REFTEL. WE STRESSED WE WERE NOT SECONDING GOP COMPLAINTS RE ANTI-ISLAMIC EFFECT OF SHRINER NOMENCLATURE. WE NOTED THAT PAK UNHAPPINESS STEMMED FROM PRESS REPORTS ON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN TORONTO LAST JULY, AND THAT WE HAD ALREADY TOLD GOP OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND PHILANTHROPIC NATURE OF SHRINERS.

2. CHARLES CUMPSTONE OF IMPERIAL RECORDER'S OFFICE SAID VERY FEW COMPLAINTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED ABOUT POSSIBLE BIAS IN NOMENCLATURE, AND POINTED OUT THAT A NUMBER OF THEIR ALMOST ONE MILLION MEMBERS WERE OF ISLAMIC FAITH. INDEED, ONLY PROBLEM NOTED WITH RESPECT TO NOMENCLATURE BY MOSLEM

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MEMBERS WAS THAT IT WAS FREQUENTLY INCORRECT (MISSPELLED,

ETC.), WHICH WAS EMBARRASSING RATHER THAN OFFENSIVE. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT THE "AL-KORAN" REFERENCE COULD BE SEEN AS SLIGHTING.

3. WHEN ASKED IF THEY HAD A STANDARD REPLY TO BIAS ACCUSATIONS, CUMPSTONE SAID THEY HAD SELDOM RECEIVED FORMAL COMPLAINTS AND THUS HAD NOT DEVELOPED ANYTHING. THE FEW TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED IN TORONTO WERE NOT FOLLOWED UP BY LETTERS. EVEN OCCASIONAL BLACK MUSLIM OBJECTIONS HAD BEEN HANDLED BY SENDING GENERAL INFO ON HISTORY AND BENEVOLENT NATURE OF SHRINERS. HE AGREED TO SEND PAB BRIEF RUNDOWN ON SHRINER PHILANTHROPIES WHICH WE SHALL FORWARD TO EMBASSY FOR YOUR INFORMATION SHOULD YOU RECEIVE FURTHER INQUIRIES. INGERSOLL

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